May 16, 1963

A special meeting of the Norton City Council was held in the Municipal Building on May 16th, at 3:00 P.M. with Mayor B.E. Ball presiding.

Present: B.E. Ball, A.O. Umstead, J.C. Holcomb, J.B. Taggart

Absent: Archie Woods

The following resolution to the Virginia State Highway Commission regarding allocations for the next fiscal year was passed:

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THAT WHEREAS, the annual allocation meeting of the Virginia State Highway Commission will be held in Roanoke, Virginia, on May 23, 1963, and WHEREAS, the people and the officials of the City of Norton are deeply appreciative of the consideration which the officials of the Highway Department and the Highway Commission have shown for the City and Wise County during the past years.

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Highway Commission of Virginia be and is hereby requested to consider the following for allocations during the next fiscal year:

- 1. That consideration be given to the construction of a four lane highway from Norton, Virginia corporate limits to Wise, Virginia. This two lane highway is entirely inadequate for the traffic which it is carrying at the present time and actually has the highest traffic count of any road in our area.
- 2. That the Virginia State Highway Commission give serious consideration to work on Rt. 619 from the hard surface on High Knob to the foot of the mountain on the Scott County side. This highway is now being used more frequently than in the past and would be used extensively if it was brought up into a better condition.
- 3. That immediate consideration be given toward the reconstruction of State Route 74, which lies entirely within the City of Norton, and which is a connecting link between U.S. Rt. 23 and U.S. Toute Alternate 58. If this matter is given immediate attention, it is highly possible that 66% of the cost of this project, excluding rights of way, can be obtained from the A.R.A. Norton lies within the redevelopment area and because of this is eligible for A.R.A. grants up to 66% for street and road construction and reconstruction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and that a copy be mailed to the Honorable H.H. Harris, Commissioner, Virginia Department of Highways, Richmond, Virginia, the Honorable W.M. Selater, Member of the Highway Commission, Marion, Virginia; and the Honorable J.E. Johnston, Urban Engineer, Virginia Department of Highways, Richmond, Virginia.

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